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SUBJ: GOC EXILES LAST OF DETAINED PEACE COMMITTEE STAFF;

SUCCESSOR VICARIATE FOR SOLIDARITY PLANS INCORPORATE ADDITIONAL
RELIGIOUS GROUPS

REF: SANTIAGO 0949

1. REFN REPORTING THE JANUARY 30 RELEASE OF TWO LAWYERS
DETAINED AT TIME PEACE COMMITTEE WAS DISSOLVED IN NOVEMBER 1975,
NOTED THAT ONLY REMAINING MEMBER OF THIS GROUP STILL UNDER
DETENTION WAS A FORMER SECRETARY AT PEACE COMMITTEE, GEORGINA
OCARANZA. IT WAS WIDELY BELIEVED THAT MS. OCARANZA HAD
SERVED AS MOVEMENT OF REVOLUTIONARY LEFT (MIR) CONDUIT IN
PEACE COMMITTEE. OCARANZA'S CASE DREW SYMPATHY, HOWEVER,
IN THAT SHE WAS PREGNANT AT TIME OF DETENTION IN SEPTEMBER
AND GAVE BIRTH WHILE AT TRES ALAMOS.

2. CANADIAN EMBASSY REPORTS THAT MS. OCARANZA AND CHILD
DEPARTED CHILE FOR CANADA ON MARCH 1. ISSUANCE OF EXILE
DECREE AND DEPARTURE OF PAIR NEVER MENTIONED IN MEDIA,
REFLECTING INTEREST OF ALL CONCERNED TO KEEP OUTCOME
QUIET.

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3. VICARIATE OF SOLIDARITY STAFFER WHO LEARNED EXILE DECREE HAD BEEN ISSUED ALSO TOLD US THAT TALKS WITH SEVERAL PROTESTANT GROUPS INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN VICARIATE ACTIVITIES ARE FAR ADVANCED. HE STATED THAT WITHIN NEXT WEEKS SOLIDARITY GROUP WOULD REACQUIRE ECUMENICAL SCOPE WHICH CHARACTERIZED THE PREDECESSOR PEACE COMMITTEE. LUTHERANS AND METHODISTS ARE EXPECTED TO JOIN; JEWS UNCERTAIN. POSSIBLE PARTICIPATION OF EVANGELICAL SECTS, A POWERFUL LOCAL FORCE, NOT MENTIONED.

4. COMMENT: MAIN DIFFERENCE BETWEEN OLD PEACE COMMITTEE AND VICARIATE OF SOLIDARITY WAS TOTAL ASSOCIATION OF LATTER WITH CATHOLIC CHURCH. RAPPROCHEMENT WITH OTHER GROUPS WOULD INDICATE THAT SPLITS AND DISSENSION WHICH DEVELOPED DURING LAST DAYS OF PEACE COMMITTEE ARE BEING MENDED. DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL THAT GOC'S STATED JUSTIFICATION FOR URGING DISSOLUTION OF PEACE COMMITTEE WAS BASED UPON ALLEGATIONS, PROBABLY WELL FOUNDED, THAT NUMBER OF STAFF PERSONS HAD BECOME OVERTLY POLITICAL AND EXCEEDED ACCEPTABLE LIMITS IN CONTACTS WITH DETAINEES, ETC. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE WERE TOLD BY STAFFER THAT CURRENT ORGANIZATION CAREFULLY SCREENED TO PREVENT SUCH ABUSES. THIS, GOC WILL BE FACED WITH MORE POWERFUL GADFLY ON HUMAN RIGHTS PRACTICES.
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